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BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ANNOUNCES RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSURE OF DUAL-CREDIT INSTRUCTORS

5/1/2008 4:00 PM - Helena, MT: Today the Board of Public Education's Distance Learning Task Force unanimously recommended a significant new avenue for licensure for dual-credit instructors. Under the recommendation students will have greater access to dual-credit courses.

"This is an historic moment. Montana has created a practical means that ensures flexibility and preserves quality," asserted Dr. Kirk Miller, Task Force Co-Chair. Over a two-year period a 25-member task force ironed out solutions to complex dual-credit issues.

Said Steve Meloy, "The Board of Public Education appreciates the statewide attention this issue has drawn, and thanks the collaborative effort among its partners to arrive at this unanimous and national precedent setting recommendation. I am proud of the work this group has done on the behalf of all Montanans."

The Task Force recommendation will be considered by the Board of Public Education at its May 9 meeting in Great Falls. If they approve, the recommendation will be noticed for public hearing in July, with hearings to following in August, 2008. A final vote on the recommendation would be considered by the Board of Public Education at its September meeting.

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